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For: A PRE-FASTENED ABSORBENT ARTICLE  
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**Response to Restriction Requirement Without Traverse**

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully elect the species of the pattern of Figure 4D (also shown in Figures 2-3 and 7-8); the species of the property of the first fastener material being a composition of a polypropylene copolymer; and the species of the property of the second fastener material being a composition of a polymer selected from elastomeric thermoplastic polymers and metallocene catalyzed polymers. Therefore, Applicants elect claims 2, 9 and 10 for prosecution in the present application.

This election is made **without traverse**. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application.

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